

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1597-03
Bill No.: Perfected HCS for HBs 568 & 534
Subject: Conservation Department; Secretary of State
Type: Original
Date: April 22, 2009

Bill Summary: This proposal requires the local offices and resident hunting and fishing permit vendors of the Missouri Department of Conservation to make a voter registration application form available to all resident permit applications.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State** assume the cost is based on providing 50 applications to each of the 1,180 local permit vendors throughout the state. The cost of printing additional postcard voter registration applications to distribute to the Department of Conservation is \$5,900 for 59,000 postcards.

Oversight assumes the cost to print and distribute the voter registration applications can be absorbed by the Office of the Secretary of State with existing resources.

Officials at the **Platte County Board of Election Commission, Kansas City Board of Election Commission, Clinton County** and the **Cass County** assume that there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Officials at the **Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC)** assume this proposed legislation would have minimal fiscal impact on MDC funds due to the postage necessary for mailing voter registration forms.

Oversight assumes the Conservation Commission would realize insignificant administrative fiscal impact. **Oversight** assumes the number of phone requests for a voter registration application would not be significant. **Oversight** assumes the postage required for mailings could be absorbed with existing appropriations.

Oversight assumes the vendors would offer each applicant of a hunting or fishing license an application for voter registration. The applicant at their option could accept the application or reject the application. Applicants would be responsible for mailing their application to the local election authority.

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** state many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the SOS for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, the SOS also recognizes that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be in excess of what the office can sustain with the core budget. Therefore, the SOS reserves the right to request funding

ASSUMPTION (continued)

for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

No other Board of Election Commission or County Clerk responded to Oversight's request for fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2010 (10 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2010 (10 Mo.)	FY 2011	FY 2012
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the Office of the Secretary of State to provide voter registration application forms to the Department of Conservation for distribution to its local offices and resident hunting and fishing permit vendors. The offices and vendors must make the registration forms available to all resident applicants for permits including telephone requests. The permit applicant is responsible for mailing the completed voter application form to the appropriate election authority.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Platte County Board of Election Commission
Missouri Department of Conservation
Cass County
Kansas City Board of Election Commission
Clinton County
Office of the Secretary of State

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Director
April 22, 2009